

**City of Harrington
MINUTES
City Council Special Meeting
May 2, 2016**

A meeting with the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on May 2, 2016 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Charles W. Porter; Council Member Kenneth W. Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

Roll was called.

Approval of Chesapeake Utilities Franchise Agreement

Vice Mayor Bivans asked about the change to the barricade requirements. The City Manager stated that the current standards would apply.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) a day is not substantial enough for blocking a street for more than fifteen (15) days. The City Manager stated that the fine is similar to other municipal agreements.

Vice Mayor Bivans asked about the frequency of Fire Company training and review of emergency plans. Mayor Moyer stated that the plans are governed by the State and the training is up to the fire company.

A MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Bivans, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to adopt the Chesapeake Utilities franchise agreement with the amendment of the fee to fifty dollars (\$50) per day when streets are blocked for more than fifteen (15) days. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-09 – A Resolution Outlining Proposed Funding of Up to \$1,462,925 of a General Obligation Bond to Finance the Cost of Sewer Capacity Improvements and Establishing the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Thereon

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to dispense with the reading of Resolution 16-R-09. The MOTION passed unanimously.

The Clerk of Council stated that the USDA has offered more grant money, so the amount listed under Other Facts Deemed Pertinent is now seven hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$723,120).

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to accept Resolution 16-R-09.

Discussion occurred regarding the loan forgiveness, grant, and loan amounts.

A vote was called for on the motion to accept Resolution 16-R-09. The MOTION passed unanimously.

USDA Letter of Conditions and Resolution 16-R-10 – A Resolution Outlining Proposed Funding of Up to \$850,685 of a General Obligation Bond to Finance the Cost of Sewer Capacity Improvements and Establishing the Time and Place for a Public Hearing Thereon

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Coleman, to accept Resolution 16-R-10. The MOTION passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance 16-07 – Creating Chapter 157, Economic Development and Redevelopment, to add economic incentives to encourage development

A MOTION was made by Council Member Porter, seconded by Council Member Stubbs, to dispense with the reading of Ordinance 16-07. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Council Member Minner stated that building permit fees should not be reduced. The City Manager stated that the building permit fees currently do not cover the costs incurred and that the City of Milford does reduce them based on job creation. Council Member Minner stated that taxpayers should not pay building permit, legal, and professional fees.

Mayor Moyer stated that he does not like waiving the business license fee and that the impact fee waiver is enough to attract business. Mayor Moyer stated that he was concerned that businesses would not apply for business licenses if the fee is waived.

Council Member Porter stated that the City Council should keep in mind that impact fees pay to extend infrastructure.

The City Manager stated that fees have not been increased for many years and discussion should occur about increasing them.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Marquis, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 16-07 with the amendments to § 157-23 to remove the fee reduction for job creation and § 157-34 to clarify that a business license is required even though the fee is waived. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-05 – Amending Chapter 180, Municipal Fees, to add fines for violating the Juvenile Curfew Chapter

There were no comments from the public.

Second Reading of Ordinance 16-05 – Amending Chapter 180, Municipal Fees, to add fines for violating the Juvenile Curfew Chapter

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that he would like the fee for a parent knowingly provided false information to be reduced from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to one hundred dollars (\$100) or one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).

A MOTION was made by Council Member Marquis, seconded by Council Member Minner, to accept Ordinance 16-05 with the amendment of the fee for parent knowingly provided false information to one hundred dollars (\$100). Roll was called: 6 Yes, 0 No (Bivans – Yes, Coleman – Yes, Marquis – Yes, Minner – Yes, Porter – Yes, Stubbs – Yes). The MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

City Council Comments

Council Member Porter asked that any comments on the budget be submitted to the City Manager before the budget meeting.

Mayor Moyer asked about the impact of the reduced fees on the budget.

Council Member Minner stated that she would like the City to celebrate the next milestone year for the city.

Discussion occurred regarding Bill Falasco being inducted into the baseball hall of fame.

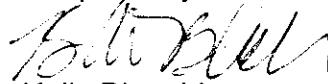
Vice Mayor Bivans stated that Thursday is the National Day of Prayer and Friday is the start of Spring Clean Up.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Council Member Minner, seconded by Council Member Porter, to adjourn the City Council Meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Blanchies", written in a cursive style.

Kelly Blanchies
Clerk of Council